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TWO CENTS.

AMERICAN TROOPS IN GREAT DANGER

Gen. Herrera, Carranza Leader at Chihuahua, Revolts with 2,000 to Join Villa—El Paso Under Military Law and Outbreak by the Many Mexicans There Was Expected Last Night

EL PASO, Texas, March 23.—Private advices reaching here today confirm reports that Gen. Luis Herrera with 2,000 troops had joined the Villistas at Chihuahua, and left little room for doubt that Mexican affairs had reached a point fraught with far-reaching and perhaps serious consequences to this country.

Not only was it accepted here as definite that Herrera had declared against both Carranza and the United States, but it was asserted that all northern Mexico is seething with open rebellion against the de facto government.

So grave was the situation regarded here that the military authorities plan today drastic steps to relieve all Mexicans in El Paso of any arms they might have concealed in their homes and enforce what would be virtually military law in Little Chihuahua, the heart of El Paso's Mexican section.

All night long El Paso waited for the warning whistles which would tell that the expected outbreak had occurred. Three hundred soldiers with machine gun detachments waited under arms for any emergency and the police reserve equipped with rifles were also held ready. Again and again rumors ran through the town that shooting had been heard in Juarez, but each time they proved baseless.

Francisco Villa has established a base to the westward of Nuniupia to reorganize his command and recruit new men for his army, it was reported here today. At this new base it was said Villa would lay plans to co-operate with the force of Gen. Luis Herrera, who is understood to have renounced the de facto government.

The American army base at Columbus has had no news of Villa for more than two days. Gen. Herrera, until recently in command of the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua, is said to be moving northward to effect a junction with Villa.

BOY WEDS WIDOW OF 59.

His Mother Appeals to Clergyman and Police in Vain.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 23.—Despite the efforts of his mother to stop the ceremony and after the police had been appealed to in vain, 18-year-old Fred De Hart yesterday married Mrs. Marie Miller, a widow of 59 years. De Hart's mother, who lives at Milltown, got word that a marriage was being planned. As the couple were about to be united, she burst into the Miller home and forbade the ceremony.

The minister, Rev. Clarence Parish, hesitated, and Mrs. De Hart told him to wait. She then asked the police to stop the wedding, but they said they were unable to help her. The clergyman, who had accompanied her to police headquarters, then returned and married the couple. The mother said the boy had no means of support, but the bride said she would look out for him.

Centre Congregational Church

Thursday, March 23, 7.30 p.m.—Christian Endeavor Mission study class with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rhodes, 18 Washington street.

Saturday 2.30 to 6 p.m. Children's Rainbow Fair in Festival hall. Sale of aprons, fancy articles, food, confectionery and grabs. Tea room. Entertainment at 4 o'clock, consisting of folk dances and songs by the children and story-telling by Rev. Roy M. Houghton. Music by Leitinger's orchestra. Admission 15 cents.

In Odd Fellows' Hall

Thursday, March 23, 7.30 p.m.—Regular meeting of Canton Palestine. The degree will be worked. Fatigue uniforms.

Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop

5 EXPERT WORKMEN 5

The Prince of Bootblacks
Employed Here

J. H. ALLEN PROP.

STILL POUND FRENCH LINE

Bombardment West of the Meuse Continued with Undiminished Intensity

RUSSIANS MAKING
A GREAT OFFENSIVE

Germans Claim That Czar's Forces Made No Important Advances—French Report General Situation on Verdun Front Is Unchanged.

The French are still clinging to a part of the little hill of Haucourt, southwest of Malancourt, on which the Germans gained a footing last evening in an attack along the front between the Avoncourt woods and Malancourt, northwest of Verdun.

Paris announces today that the German infantry attacks in this sector were not resumed during the night and that even the fire of the heavy artillery diminished in violence.

The bombardment west of the Meuse was continued with undiminished intensity. The persistence with which the Germans are pounding the French positions near Vaux and Damloup in this region indicates that they probably are preparing for new attempts to break through in the sector where their lines have been pushed nearest the heart of the stronghold.

Besides striving hard against the German positions along the Diva and below Divins on the northern end of the Russian line, where Petrograd declares some successes have been scored, the Russians are displaying notable activity in Galicia. The Austrians report a lively artillery fire along their front here with infantry advances at some points. These are declared to have been repulsed.

BERLIN, March 23, via London.—The Russians, in spite of their great offensive on the eastern front, have made no advance, says the official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

BERLIN, March 23, by wireless.—A local newspaper says that in view of the progress made yesterday by the German troops near Avoncourt the French line between Bothcourt and Malancourt is now menaced.

PARIS, March 23.—The French official statement, published this morning, says that during the night a violent bombardment took place to the east of the Meuse. West of the Meuse the fire diminished in intensity and the general situation is unchanged.

LONDON, March 23.—It is reported unofficially that the Galloper lightship at the mouth of the Thames has not been torpedoed, as was reported yesterday by Lloyd's, but has been withdrawn from its station.

LONDON, March 23.—Lloyd's reports that the French bark Bougainville has been sunk. Twenty-three members of her crew were picked up.

COMPROMISE VOTE
ON STAKE RACES

Brattleboro and White River Junction Favored Eliminating Them but Were Outvoted at Rutland.

President O. F. Benson of the Green Mountain Trotting circuit has returned from Rutland, where he attended yesterday a meeting of the association Brattleboro and White River Junction favored abolishing entirely stake races, but were outvoted and a compromise was made by which not more than two stake races will be on the program for the annual Valley fair. In the past there have been as many as four stake races and last year there were three.

The objection to this form of a race is that the entries are made many months in advance and at the early fairs it is quickly determined which horses have chances to win or be in the money. The result is that by the time the later fairs are held the fields in these stake races have narrowed down to three or four horses and comparatively little interest is aroused in proportion to the amount of money invested in the stakes.

PRESIDENT IN PHILADELPHIA.

Went to Quaker City Today for Consultation with Oculist.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Wilson today visited Philadelphia to consult an oculist. He planned to return to Washington late this afternoon.

"WITHIN REASONABLE TIME."

The public service commission of Vermont on Sept. 15, 1915, made the following order relative to the equipment of the local trolley road:

"It is ordered that the use of the two closed cars now operated by the Brattleboro Street Railway company known as Nos. 5 and 8 be discontinued in the regular service and accepting as emergency requires their use, and that said Brattleboro Street Railway company place in operation the new car above mentioned (No. 6) and within a reasonable time procure and place in operation another new closed car, in place of said cars Nos. 5 and 8."

AUGUSTA, GA., FIRE SWEEP

Flames Uncontrolled Nine Hours Caused Loss of Over \$5,000,000

FULLY 3,000 PERSONS
ARE HOMELESS TODAY

Burned Area Covering a Mile and a Quarter Contained the City's Largest Office and Business Buildings—700 Dwellings Were Burned.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 23.—Twenty blocks in the residential section of Augusta are in charred ruins and the bare walls of six business blocks bear testimony today to Augusta's most serious fire disaster of recent years.

Upwards of 700 houses were destroyed and at least 3,000 persons are homeless.

The fire, which raged for more than nine hours last night, causing a loss estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000, was brought to a halt early today.

The 12 story building owned by the Augusta Chronicle was virtually destroyed. The Augusta Herald building also was burned.

The burned area covers almost one and a quarter square miles and in it were the city's largest office and business buildings. Warehouses on historic "cotton row," containing thousands of bales of cotton were destroyed, as was St. Paul's Episcopal church, which was built 135 years ago.

BRATTLEBORO GIRL BRIDESMAID.

Seviour-Lewis Wedding in Ascutneyville Yesterday Afternoon.

Warren Wilbert Seviour of Chester and Miss Mabel Hazen Lewis of Ascutneyville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lewis, were married in the bride's home at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. Henry L. Ballou, pastor of the Congregational church in Chester, officiating. Miss Gertrude R. Hubbard of Brattleboro, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and Harold H. Lewis of Ascutneyville, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. A single ring service was used and the bride was given in marriage by her father. Relatives and intimate friends of the couple were guests.

The bride wore white marquisette with veil and ribbons of the valley and carried blue roses. The bridesmaid wore blue figured silk muslin and carried pink carnations. Mrs. E. F. Bristol of Ascutneyville played the Bridal March from Lohengrin. The wedding party stood under an arch of evergreen with wedding bells in front of a bank of evergreen and daffodils. A luncheon was served after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Seviour went directly to their home on Cobleigh street in Chester, where they will keep house. They received many gifts of silver, cut glass, china, linen and two substantial checks. Mr. Seviour is a member of the firm of Seviour & Wiggins, manufacturers, builders and dealers in building finish materials. Mrs. Seviour is a graduate of the Windsor high school, class of 1905, and has lived at home since her graduation. She is a member of the Congregational church in Ascutneyville.

POLK TAKES UP TUBANTIA CASE.

Also Gets Affidavits About the Patria Attack.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Acting Secretary of State Polk and the Minister of the Netherlands conferred at the state department yesterday relative to the sinking of the Tubantia last week. The Dutch government is making an investigation, and a report is awaited from the divers, who will endeavor to show whether a mine or a torpedo was responsible.

Mr. Polk has gone over the affidavits of the officers and crew of the French passenger steamer Patria, who into Guinford. After the postmaster swear that their vessel was attacked without warning by a submarine off the north coast of Tunis on March 1. He will turn the papers over to See Mr. Lansing for a decision on the proper steps for the United States to take in case the matter is officially brought to the attention of the German and Austrian governments.

FINE SHOWING BY COMPANY I

Recruited to Peace Footing Before Inspecting Officers Came

RESULT OF CAPTAIN'S
UNTIRING EFFORTS

Co-operation of People of Town Made Result Possible—Both Band and Company Inspected—Capt. Gibson Will Continue Recruiting.

With 64 men in ranks and two officers, the annual federal inspection of Company I, V. N. G., last evening was highly satisfactory. One other member of the company will report for inspection at Springfield, which gives the company the minimum strength required.

This has been obtained only by untiring efforts on the part of the officers, especially Capt. E. W. Gibson. Capt. Gibson said this morning that his ability to recruit the company so successfully had been possible through the co-operation of the people of Brattleboro and this co-operation is very greatly appreciated by the officers.

The inspecting officer was Lieut. J. C. Waterman of the United States army. He was accompanied by Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tillotson and Col. Ira L. Reeves, commander of the regiment. The company books and Army were inspected in the afternoon, as was the First Regiment band, and last evening the company in field uniform underwent a careful and thorough inspection. Although the work was public only a very few were present who were not connected with the company.

When the company was formed for inspection the new recruits were placed at the left of the line, and after the inspection of the personal equipment of each man, they fell out and the older members of the company went through such manual-arms and marching movements under the command of Capt. Gibson and Lieut. W. R. Spaulding as were called for by the inspecting officer.

While Capt. Gibson is much pleased with the success of the efforts to bring the company up to the minimum peace strength of 65 men he does not intend to cease the work of enlistment, but will continue to recruit the company until he has on the rolls the maximum peace number allowed. This calls for 75 men and he expects to secure the necessary number in the next few days as interest in the company has grown rapidly recently.

The inspecting officers made no public statement after their inspection, but it was gleaned from different sources that they were well pleased with the showing made by a company which two months ago was threatened with disbandment.

PREDICTS SUCCESS FOR REPUBLICANS

Former Governor Cobb Enthusiastic in His Address at State Convention in Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me., March 23.—A reunited Republican party was predicted for the coming national campaign by former Gov. William T. Cobb in his address as chairman of the Republican state convention here today.

"We have come to recognize on the one side," he said, "that the Republican organization is the effective and logical instrument with which to attain 'reform and victory' and on the other that its present increasing strength and influence is due in no small part to the clear vision and persistent idealism of many who once called themselves Progressives."

Mr. Cobb pronounced the vital issues of the campaign to be the tariff, preparedness for war, and "preparedness for industrial and commercial safety and well being when the war shall cease."

POSTMASTER FINDS ABUNDANCE OF SNOW

Starts on Round of Rural Delivery Routes—Not Much Here as Compared with Some Towns.

Postmaster M. J. Moran, who familiarized himself with the rural routes during the summer by making trips over each of them with the carriers, has started on another round under conditions far different from those of summer. He accompanied George Houghton, the carrier on rural route 4. Tuesday. This meant a 23-mile jaunt through Halifax, Marlboro and down to Guilford. After the postmaster had been landed at the postoffice he was willing to admit that the carrier had not exaggerated conditions at all. Mr. Moran says that any citizen of Brattleboro who thinks there is snow here will be ready to hail his home town as a spot remote from winter after making a trip through Halifax and Marlboro.

FRENCH UNIFORMS NO LONGER TARGETS

Red Trousers Have Been Abandoned for More Sombre Hues—Complete Change Made.

PARIS, March 23.—In the midst of the great war France has succeeded in completely changing the uniforms of the various branches of the army from the bright colors, which made soldiers so conspicuous in previous wars, to shades that protect and render wearers comparatively inconspicuous.

The question of a change from the bright red trousers to a less brilliant shade was considered before the war, but none was made, partly because the red trousers had come to be associated with the military glory of the French army. The red trousers actually came into the army during the reign of Napoleon soldiers and the soldiers of France for two centuries before him being blue.

The olive green uniforms were rejected because of their ugliness, but the losses before the battle of the Marne convinced the military authorities that a change must be made. Blue being connected for so long with birthday cake and, as considered, and experiments showed that a pale sky blue shade made the soldiers inconspicuous and also wore for a surprisingly long time if the cloth were good. The troops of North Africa, whose summer uniforms were of khaki, retained them, as did chasseurs-a-pied and the bulk of the armies adopted the new and life saving sky blue uniforms.

The collar patch of the new uniforms is dark blue for the cavalry, bright scarlet for the artillery and black velvet for the engineers. The infantry patch is the same color as the uniform.

HELD FOR TRIAL UNDER \$1,000 BAIL

Marvin Tuttle of Newfane Waived Examination There on Charge Preferred by State's Attorney.

Sheriff C. E. Mann and State's Attorney C. B. Hughes went last night to Newfane, where Sheriff Mann arrested Marvin Tuttle, 39, on a charge of rape. This felon Tuttle was arraigned before Justice B. C. Eager, acting judge of the Brattleboro municipal court. He waived examination and was placed under bonds in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the April term of the county court. He expects to be able to furnish bonds.

MOTHER IS 89, DAUGHTER 70.

Five Generations Honor Woman Who Crossed Land in Ox Cart.

IONE, Col., March 23.—Eighty-nine candles, which covered a delicious birthday cake and marked the age of the oldest pioneer resident in Ione, were blown out by Mrs. I. B. Gregory, as she was surrounded by her family of some 34 members, five generations being represented.

Mrs. Gregory was born near Springfield, Ill., March 8, 1827. Together with her husband and one child she endured the hardships of crossing the plains in 1853 in a covered wagon drawn by an ox team. The young wife walked a great part of the distance, carrying the child. The family came almost direct to Ione, and in 1854 erected a house, which has been their home since and in which the reunion was held.

Mr. Gregory died 32 years ago, leaving the widow and nine children, all of whom are still living, the oldest being a daughter, 70 years, and the youngest 48 years of age.

GOMPERS ASSAILS U. S. RULE.

Says Porto Ricans Are Worse Off Than Under Spain's Control.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Urging the immediate passage of a bill to provide civil government for Porto Rico, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor told the senate committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico yesterday that the condition of laborers in Porto Rico was "one of the darkest pages in American history." He said that the laborers had fewer rights under the United States than under Spanish rule. The committee has been considering the Jones bill. Mr. Gompers asked that the educational and property qualifications for suffrage be removed from the measure so as to give labor a voice in local government. He added that the American Federation of Labor had decided to take up the cause of the Porto Ricans.

DIED FROM BURNS.

Former Editor of French Paper in Lowell Lost Life in Clinton.

CLINTON, Mass., March 23.—Winfred Lincoln, former editor of L'Etoile, a French paper published in Lowell, died here today from burns received last night. Mr. Lincoln came here several days ago and had a room at a boarding house. Last night he dashed into the hallway with his clothing afire. He died four hours later. The medical examiner reported that he was unable to ascertain the cause of the fire.

HENRY E. CAPEN DEAD.

Was Proprietor of Hotel and Boarding Camp at Moosehead Lake.

ROCKLAND, Me., March 23.—Henry E. Capen, proprietor of the hotel and boarding camp at Moosehead lake, died by Dr. J. Arthur Smith, who had as in a local hospital today. He was 63 years of age.

WANT LIGHT IN DUMMERSTON

Citizens Ask Order Against Connecticut River Power Co.

LATTER NOT IN
RETAIL BUSINESS

Willing to Furnish Current Under Same Conditions as Is Done in Putney—Petitioners Decline to Guarantee to Use Specific Amount.

The public service commission had presented to it yesterday afternoon in its offices in the Wilder building the claim of residents of Dummerston that the Connecticut River Power Company of New Hampshire should be compelled to furnish electric current for lighting and power purposes to individuals. The petitioners claim that the charter of the company requires the company to do so when properly requested. The company asserted that it is, and has been, ready to furnish power to citizens of Dummerston through some association or company, but is not compelled to retail it and does not do so anywhere.

These claims were made on a petition of citizens of Dummerston asking the commission to issue an order compelling the company to furnish the power. The petitioners were E. C. Tenney, W. A. Miller, W. W. Burnett, B. S. Balestier, Fred F. Miller, George Annand, W. J. Annand, Carl E. Newton, H. H. Miller, E. H. Miller, Adin F. Miller, C. R. Crosby, L. F. Crosby, E. H. Brown and Harry T. Brown.

The petition stated that the petitioners desired 750 kilowatts and Attorney C. C. Fitts for the company referred to this several times, saying that all the petitioners had to do was to guarantee that amount and the power company would provide it if someone would build the line. The company is ready to sell electricity at two and a half cents a kilowatt.

The petitioners, through Attorney W. B. Daley, were not ready to guarantee that amount. They presented a list of 19 names of citizens who are ready to take electricity and of five more who are almost certain prospects. In addition to that the church, the town hall, the Grange hall and the village for several street lights are probable purchasers. Mr. Daley maintained that under the law the company is compelled to furnish electricity to houses and he asked that the commission make an order to that effect and fix the rate to be charged.

Mr. Fitts explained that the overhead charges, if the power company were to undertake to retail electricity in Dummerston, would be much heavier than would be the case if local men handled the business. The power company is ready to lease at nominal rental all necessary apparatus and sell at cost price when desired. He explained that copper wire just now is very expensive and recommended that nothing more be done at present than is absolutely necessary because of the especially heavy initial expense.

Chairman Robert C. Bason of the commission asked Mr. Daley if the petitioners would be willing to guarantee 500 kilowatts a month, but Mr. Daley would go no farther about guaranteeing than to say that there were at least 10 residences that would take electricity at once and probably half as many more.

He said that the power company sells in Putney to the Fall Mountain company, a subsidiary company of the Connecticut River Power Co. and that if the power company could do it in Putney it could do the same thing in Dummerston, a remark that brought from Mr. Fitts the retort that all Dummerston had to do was imitate Putney and it would get electricity.

Mr. Fitts pointed out that three men in Vernon had formed an association and buy electricity of the power company and manage the distribution in that village. The local organization to do electrical business does not necessarily have to be a corporation.

Mr. Daley said that no one in Dummerston desired to go into the electrical business, but they wanted electricity and purchased to find out whether they could get it. There the matter rests.

The petition was dated Jan. 23, 1916, and was filed with the commission Jan. 25. There were two continuances at the request of the parties.

RICHARDSON BLOCK BURNED AT ATHOL

Loss Estimated at \$55,000—All of the Tenants Escaped Without Serious Injury.

ATHOL, Mass., March 23.—The Richardson block, a three story structure occupied by the Gem theater and H. C. Fay's hardware store, with tenement quarters on the upper floor, was destroyed by fire early today. The loss was estimated at \$55,000.

The fire, which is supposed to have started from a heater, was discovered last night. Mr. Lincoln Smith, who had as in a local hospital today. He was 63 years of age.